

APPLICANT ARGUMENTS OR REMARKS MADE IN AN AMENDMENT

Claims Pending

Claims 1-7 and 11-17 are pending. Of these claims 1-7 and 11-13 stand allowed and claims 14-17 stand rejected.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 14-17 stand rejected because there is a lower case z, rather than an upper case Z, in one of the formulas in claim 14. This error has been corrected by amendment herein.

It is considered regrettable that the examiner did not extend the courtesy of addressing the above matter via a telephone call and an examiner's amendment, which would have eliminated the need for this response and spared applicant the expense of an RCE.

It is respectfully asserted that the amendment made herein overcomes all rejections of the claims and that the claims and the application as a whole are now in condition for allowance.

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